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## PSC APPROVES TRI-STATE UTILITY APPLICATION

Jefferson City (May 26, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application which authorizes Tri-State Utility, Inc. to provide water service to an expanded service area in an unincorporated area of Taney County. Tri-State Utility, Inc. currently provides water service in Taney County. The additional area the water company seeks to serve includes a new development adjacent to its current service area.

On April 30, 2004, the PSC Staff filed a memorandum recommending the application be approved. Staff concluded there is a need for the service that Tri-State Utility proposes to provide. Staff indicated that Tri-State Utility, Inc. provides safe and adequate services to its current service area and the Company has the technical, managerial and financial capacities needed to provide water service to the proposed service area.

The Commission's order approving the application states: "Based on the application, and the recommendation of Staff (PSC Staff), the Commission will approve Tri-State Utility's application."

Tri-State Utility, Inc. serves approximately 2,485 water customers near Branson in Taney County.

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